

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The claims are 1-11.

The above amendment incorporates the features of claim 12 into claim 1. Since claim 12 is not rejected on prior art grounds, it is clear that all of the claims in this application are also free from rejections on prior art grounds.

In connection with the double patenting rejections against claims 1-4, 6 and 9-12 over commonly assigned U.S. 6,255,041 and U.S. 6,340,553, there is submitted herewith a Terminal Disclaimer which disclaims the terminal portion of any patent maturing from the present application which extends beyond the expiration date of either of the commonly assigned patents.


Accordingly, the present claims are free from double patenting rejections.

No further issues remaining, allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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